MORE TESTIMONY AT TRENTON

FURTHER DISCLOSURES OF THE STATE HOUSE VILLANY.

THE BUILDING STRIPPED, THE FURNITURE SOLD,

ING CONTRACT-A PRIVATE SECRETARY'S BIG BILLS FOR "NUIDENTALS"

AND POSTAGE.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Trenton, March 3-The Senate Chamber was well filled with politicians of all degrees, representing all parties, non-the Voorhees Investigating Committee and W. II. Corbin, counsel, arrived this morning, and many "What did he mean?" of the old Democratic ringsters who stood around the corridors or lurked in the lobbles were anxious countenances. Mr. Corbin had not even intimated into what department he would drive his sharpsel for the committee showed clearly that Ford, content with stripping the courtrooms of the State House of valuable furnishings and selling same to the Democratic heelers for a song, jr., received thousands of dollars from the State for "extras," "postage," "travelling expenses,"

such sales. It was also shown that Leon Abbett, etc., without the usual formality of itemizing his During the whole time he was drawing a father's private secretary. Although young Abbett has enjoyed for years the privilege of free rall-road passes on all lines in New-Jersey, his father, Governor Leon Abbett, promptly approved his coverior to the firm of H. Kimmard & Co., of Newark, "turned up missing" to-day and, as is the with other firms that have been called before the Voorhees Committee to tell of their transactions with the State, except those whose books have been "eaten by the mice," the one book which would show just what the committee wanted was "missing." HOUNDING THE COMMITTEE'S WITNESS.

\*Eugene Murphy, the young expert accountant who exposed the inner workings of John Mullins Co., came here early to consult Mr. Corbin and that because he appeared in answer to the mmittee's subpocta and told truthfully just at he knew, he is now being persecuted. "They are trying to put up a job on me because I became a wilness," saif Mr. Murphy. "I needn't mention names, but the game is to connect me with ertain crook, and in this way make it appear to give them some of their own medici al, against the men who are hounding me, and then we will see how they will come out before the courts. I have something up my sleeve

dvertisement he had learned of a sale House furnishings on December 28, 1893. There was record of the sale anywhere in the State Capital nor of the moneys received. He then called John Riker, an employe of the Treasurer's office, and Ford's confidential clerk, to prove that no record existed of any sale on that date. Mr. Riker said in on account of the sale.

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John Correll, an employe of the State, was called and his examination proceeded as follows:

Q - Fo you know of a sale of State House furniture in December, 1881° A - 1 do.

Q - What did you have to do with that sale? A -

When? A - Last January.
Since this committee was appointed? A - I do know, exactly, but Mr. Ford asked me for the and I gave it to him. What was the amount. A .- I believe it was Was that money paid to the State? A.-I know, personally,

ONLY THREE RETURNS OF SALES MADE. Mr. Corbin told the committee that in searching records he found that sales of State property had taken place on April 50, 1891, June 16, 1891, April 13, 1892, and on several dates in 1890. But three re-Superintendent Ford. One deposit was made deposit was on October 31, 1892, for \$1,951 25; unt named on the check was \$708 85. The memo-

"I desire to state," said Mr. Corbin, "that everything indicates that articles of furniture, carpets and even safes were sold here. Sales took place from every room, all the way from the cellar to the roof. In some cases the contents of a room were sold twice, and as often replaced by new and inferior goods. It is both startling and amazing to contemplate the order of things that prevailed here. Ford disposed of State property just as one might his own private possessions. The proceeds of the sales were never inquired into. The man in charge simply took the money, and at the end of each fiscal year he would turn in a check that was supposed to represent all the money received during the year from the sale of furniture, etc. Such a condition needs no comment on my part now."

YOUNG ABBETT'S REMARKABLE BILLS.

After a discussion of the cost of telephone ex-penses during Governor Abbett's term, with Excutive Clerk Edward Fox, Mr. Corbin submitted a schedule showing the amount expended during the last three administrations. In Governor Green's term the frems were as follows: For postage in 1887, \$285; in 1888, \$405; in 1889, \$815. There were no charges for incidentals. In Governor Abbett's term the bill for postage in 1890 was \$502; in 1891, \$860; in 1892, \$990, and for the same term there were incidental bills for \$315 in 1890, \$1.000 in 1891, and \$2.007 in 1892. Leon Abbett, jr., the Governor's private secretary, was paid during the same term, in 1899, for salary, Incidentals and extra services, \$2,728-57; in 1391, \$4,615-44, and in 1892, \$6,155-88. Secretary Abbett. when not engaged in looking after the affairs of the Governor's office, it seems, counselled and advised the Dairy Commissioners, likewise performed legal when any work of a legal nature in connection with the rebuilding of the Assembly Chamber was required, he was on hand to look after it. Under Governor Werts's term the postage bill dropped in 1893 to \$280, and in 1894 to \$191. Incidentals in 1893 cost \$135, and in 1894 only \$80. To those items and others like them—such as

\$1,938 expended for grass seeds and flowers in 1893, and \$1.390 expended for the same purpose in 1894-Corbin said he called attention simply because the bills were indicative of apparent extravagance

missioner Hugh Kinnard, of Newark, and his partner, Merrick Martin, trading as H. Kinnard & Co., had, through the kindness of "Barney" Ford and Governor Abbett, received \$12,784.20 for painting in and about the State House. The Senate Chamber alone cost \$2.916, according to the bills. Kinnard was placed on the stand and he frankly acknowledged the correctness of the vouchers placed before Mr. Corbin was anxious to know just how Mr. Kinnard kept his books, but the witness stated that most of the business had been transacted by his pariner, Mr. Martin. Mr. Kinnard explained that Martin had no capital invested in his business and had been a partner during the time he was doing the State House work. When asked how he came to secure the State House work, the witness said that Ford called on him in October, 1889, and asked him to make an estimate on decorating the Supreme Court room. "Mr. Corbin," asked Senator Voorhees, "did the

Superintendent, Ford, have any authority to order

"He did not." was Mr. Corbin's emphatic reply, and he explained that no one but the Legislature had the power, and that Controller Toffey and Treasurer Anderson erred in approving the bills. Yet, Mr. Corbin said, it had long been the custom to approve the State House expenditures.

Kinnard said he had arranged his own prices for the work received through Ford, and had sub-mitted bids. The bill for \$2,916 20, he said, included painting the lobbies beside the Senate Chamber.

MADE THE STATE PAY DEAR. Henry J. Bennett, a master painter of Trenton, was next called and testified that he had painted and decorated the State House twice and had re-

YOUNG ABBETT'S "EXTRAS," | the prices with what you would charge? A.-1 have. Q.—And what do you find? A.—I find 1.395 pounds of mixed paints charged at 15 cents a pound, and labor charged at \$150 a day. Q.—How do those prices compare with what should be charged? A.—For labor we charge \$3, and the price for mixed paints would be fair if the colors were not charged for extra, as they are in this bill.

Here is a bill for \$1,494.95 for painting the k and window frames; you painted them beddly you not? A.-I did.
What did you receive? A.-For the stacks and \$855.50 for the rest of the work, and I had

and 36st 36 for the recent time was not so the work done the second time was not so y, and yet it cost more than twice as much? Yes, sir.

-You have made a careful estimate of all the Coreti

about \$14,000. Were you asked to bid on this be "a mere snarl of weak and quarrelsome little

"What did he mean"
"Oh, that I wasn't in the ring, I suppose."

L. U. Arvin Berod, a decorator, of Trenton, testified that he had made a thorough examination of the interior work done in the Capitol, and estimated on the probable cost. In the Supreme Court room he would do the work for \$30, with a good profit; the work cost \$57. The cost of decorating the Senate Chamber to the State was \$2.516.29, but Mr. Berod said he would like the job for \$1,200. Cobalt blue was one of the articles for which the State paid \$15 a pound, to Mr. Kinnard, according to a bill submitted by Mr. Corbin, and Berod said it was worth exactly be cents a point. Mr. Kinnard and submitted a bill from the wholesale house from which he purchased.

During the recess, Henry A. Gouge, of the H. A. Gouge Ventilating Company, of New-York City, had an interview with Mr. Corbin and Chairman Voorhees. He was not put on the stand. His firm had done the State House ventilating work, and he came to Trenton to-day as a voluntary witness, chairman Voorhees found that dr. Gouge could throw no light on the ventilating contract, and he was not put on the stand. "Oh, that I wasn't in the ring, I suppose."

AS USUAL, THE BOOK WANTED IS MISSING. Kinnard was recalled, and examined as fol-Mr. Kinnard, I see by your ledger that these House accounts refer to a book called "job-book." Why haven't you brought it? A.-We hed for it for two hours last night, but

Martin, your partner, know ? A.-I don't know. He left me

Yes, sir Newark? A.-I don't believe he is, 1 the State. A.-I do not know, think he would know where the book

ooking up some old accounts.
Who kept these accounts? A -- Merrick Mar-"Mr. Chairman, these books show nothing of the State's dealings, and without the jobbing book The eight the State's usuangs, and without the journal to the large state of the state of the

impatiently. "How is it, Mr. Corbin," broke in Senator Skirm, "that throughout this entire investigation we are told that the missing partner knows it all, and the one book that would show the transaction, the missing link, is always gone? I would like to have witness explain this."

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Totals—1890, \$2.72.37; 1801, \$4.815.44; 1802, \$6.155.88; grand total, \$13.50.68.

The committee adjourned to meet again on Friday of next week. After a tour through other State departments, the committee may pay its respects to the officials of Hudson County.

San Francisco, March 28.—The Wassermann-Sloss suit, being trad here for the return of stock in the seatskin syndicate, has revealed the

MR. HENDRIX DECLINES A NOWINATION, Ithaca, N. Y., March 28. Ex-Congressman Joseph C. Hendrix, of Brooklyn, N. Y., whose nomination for alumni trustee of Cornell University was made and desired by a great majority of the alumni, has positively declined to be a candidate at the approaching election.

# A STRIKE IN NATURAL GAS.

Syracuse, N. Y., March 28.-A disputch to "The Standard," from Fulton, N. V., says that a seemingly inexhaustible flow of natural gas was struck

# THE WEATHER REPORT.

PAIR WEATHER WITH COLD WINDS.

Washington, March 28. The storm central on the North Pacific coast this morning has moved eastward to Northern Montans, and the barometer has fallen rapidly over the lantic States, and the Ohio and Upper Mississippi valleys It is warmer in the South Adantic and East Gulf States and from Texas porthward over the Dukotas. Fatt Northwest. Fair weather will continue during Saturday in the district on the Atlantic and Guif conets, with cold northerly winds from Virginia northward, probably followed by warmer, threatening weather and rain on Saturday.

DETAILED PORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For New-England, fair Priday: continued cold; northerly winds, probably followed by cloudy weather and twin

Saturday morning, For Eastern New-York, Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, fair Friday, continued cold, north-erly winds, shifting to easterly, followed Saturday morn-ing by cloudy weather, rain and warmer. For the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia,

cold and fair weather Friday, warmer, threatening weather and probably rain Saturday, winds shifting to

ensterly; warmer and cloudy Fildsy, winds chifting to showers.

For Western Pennsylvania and Ohto, fair, followed by cloudy weather; warmer Fridsy night and probably light rairs, winds chifting to easterly.

# TRIBUNE LOCAL OBSERVATIONS.



Tribune Office, March 29, 1 a. m .- The weather yesterday and decorated the State House twice and had received for his work a total of \$2,999.08. His examination continued as follows:

Q.—You have examined the work done in this building? A.—I have.

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# AMERICAN HISTORY.

A REBELLIOUS BACKWOODS STATE.

THE WINNING OF THE WEST. By Theodore Roosevelt. Vol. 111. Octavo, pp. 339. G. P. Putnam's Sons.

Constitution was finally adopted, a mighty na-Outside work here? A.-I have.
Q.-And what would it cost? A.-About \$7.86. tion created and the momentous question deallowing a profit of 90 per cent. "This," said Mr. Corbin, "is what cost the State | termined that the liberated colonies should not elastic and graphic; and the synthetic method

if not baffled, by the insuperable difficulties of | tionists who have found shelter in England speak cause they have concentrated their attention ou think he would know where the book am sure I don't know.

ou think he has that book? A.-I would author follows. There were separatist moverather than the inflow of settlers, that the what is for the establishment of republics independent of | minds. second great battle for American liberty, and it

explain this."

not know, I've looked for it," said Mr. Kinfrom 1787 to 1899, and Tennersee and the South-

four new counties were created, taxes were levied which mutual telerance and co-operation will be and attempts were made to regulate backwoods secured.

Governor of North Carolina, sent a backwoods to be a revolutionist in politics, recognizing not diplomat to the Cantinental Congress with a only popular insurrection and military plots as been named, for counsel and moral support, view of the cynical, boundless despetism now Congress took no action either for or against the insurrectionary commonwealth, and even Franklin declined to commit himself on the outrages upon human nature so intolerable that merits of the controversy with North Carolina.

The new State was left to itself, and it speedly openly preach these things it is because he does was exposed to faction fends among rivals for popular lendership. Sevier and Tipton headed his countrymen to actions in which he can take constitutional scheme and name for the State. minority. The Sevier Constitution was adopted, which can be determined only by those on the North Carolina and were joined by disconold State. Taxes were levied by both Legislatures; there were rival courts and militia com- the political ends to be accomplished. panies in the same county; there were brawls whatever authority there was. The last spark | ened. of independent life flickered out in the Indian

borders when the new Federal Government in-cluded them in the territories south of the Ohio.

A useful accession to the Ohio Cent Rome and Its Neighborhood" (Macmillan & Co.), an illustrated handbook for those who may

eral Constitution by the development of National impulses of overwhelming force. The same moral may be drawn from almost every chapter in this deeply interesting volume. The author's account of the Northwest Territory is most exhaustive and satisfactory. The ordinance of 1787 prohibiting slavery is justly described as the greatest blow struck for freedom, save only Lincoln's emancipation proclamation, in American history, for it determined that in the final struggle the West should side with the right against the wrong. The author's best gift as an investigator of historical questions is his power of discerning political forces and explaining their relations to

### RUSSIAN REVOLUTIONISTS.

NIHILISM AS IT IS. Being Stepniak's Pamphlets Translated by E. L. Voynich, With an Intro-Translated by E. L. Voynich. With an duction by Dr. R. Spence Watson, Octav. 122, London: T. Fisher Unwin, Imports G. P. Putnam's Sons.

The main aim of this volume is to reveal the nner life of the Russian revolutionists, miscalled Nihilists. Writers like George Kennan ment, and recorded their impressions of the leaders and their methods of organization and work; but they are outsiders, obtaining informameans employed by the more extreme party wil be accepted by thoughtful and conservative

opinion over lawlessness, anarchy, individualism | kateldoscope of parties, which, white working in essentials for the same cause, have contrived to its conversion into an integral part of the Ameri- | ternal cohescon, and in many cases all capacity

no part in the movement, maintaining an atti-tude of armed neutrality in the ensuing period of conflict.

possible support for the revolution—the factory workmen, or the proletariat now growing up in Russianiand the other regards that element as had previously been enrolled in a self-organized to the educated class as the most powerful one multila for protection against Indian forage. Each after the peasantry, and one, mareover, which is ingly inexhaustible flow of natural gas was struck at that village last night. At a depth of 1645 feet the drill had penetrated the Trenton rock formation, when suddenly a jet of gas issued, having a pressure of nearly 500 pounds. Great exertement prevails in Fulton on account of the discovery. If the flow of gas should be a permanent one, it will probably be piped to this city.

Congress. A strong minority headed by J. hn Tipon were unwilling to have this declaration of incomplete the Russian Lib-ton were unwilling to have this declaration of incomplete the Russian educated class toward Socialism, "the greatest moral force at work in the function of the flux at th dependence take effect immediately, and when a preach their destrines. According to his view constitutional convention was elected there was a division of opinion on this question, so that the representatives broke up in confusion. Meanwhile, North Carolina had repealed the act of cession, but the accessionists had gone to a fac to Liberals, which is the establishment of a constiretreat. A Legislature was elected for Franklin, Sevier was again chosen Governor, courts were a general league between the leading factions organized, officials of every grade were appointed, now in opposition to existing institutions, by

Sevier entered into correspondence with the respecting Socialism, Stepniak proclaims himself memorial of the new Legislature, and appealed suitable agencies, but also bombs, dynamite and o Governor Patrick Henry, of Virginia, and to | nocturnal attacks upon the palace. He believes Benjamin Franklin, after whom the State had that all such acts are morally justifiable, "in there is also the question of the timeliness and therefore of the expediency of this line of work, Tipten and his followers espoused the cause ground. Tais is probably the passage which his Russian critics have been quoting against him pealing to the worst instincts of the human race. gates to the North Carolina Legislature and re- and it raises the question from any impartial organized local government in the interest of the critic whether the abhorrent means which he does not hesitate to uphold can be justified by

This volume is intended to be a reference-book and skirmishes between the factions; and the for the friends and advocates of the Russian neighboring States took opposite sides, Virginia cause in England, France, Germany and Amerooking upon the insurgent commonwealth with lea; and it is not without value, since it conextreme disfavor, and Georgia gladly entering tains a clear account of the real nature, aims into an alliance with it. Each faction railled by and position of the faction-rent forces of revoluturns, but the general drift of events was in tionists. It is a very gloomy and discouraging favor of North Carolina. The older counties presentation of what now seems to be a hopewere the first to desert Sevier, while the settlers less cause. A candid reader will sympathize on the edge of the Indian country clung to him | with the movement for constitutional reform, but to the last. The Franklin Government collapsed his faith in the ability of the revolutionists to do of itself at the expiration of Sevier's term, and anything more than to recast their programmes North Carolina was left in undisputed possession and to quarrel over phrases will not be strength-

The story of Franklin and its frontier leader wish to obtain quickly important facts about the and Indian fighter would have been repeated in fifty communities from the Alleghanies to the Pacific Coast if Separatist tendencies had not on Rome, and he displays in the present work an

been counteracted after the adoption of the Fed- | intimate acquaintance, not merely with the ruins, but with the passages in literature applicable to each remnant of ancient art. Maps and pictures in great numbers help to fix the meaning of the text, which is systematically arranged.

The fifth and sixth volumes of the new edition "Johnson's Universal Cyclopaedia" work down to Sebastien Rale, and it will be pleted in two more volumes. The edition continues to fulfil its early promise of a work of reference comprehensive in its scope and condensed in mat-The articles, while scholarly and in the main exact, are not so exhaustive as to be embarrasring to the average reader. Particular attention is be stowed on scientific articles, and they have been revised to meet the latest advance in knowledge. The geographical references have been brought to date and amplified. The article on New-York is particularly noticeable in that respect. Mysticism is treated at considerable length, evidently with a view to meeting an awakened interest in spe thought. Robert Eilis Thompson has an article set-ting forth the doctrine and theory of Protection. which is the correlative of the elaborate discussion Free Trade by David A. Wells, Rear-Admiral Luce's article on "Naval Architecture" in the last edition has been eliminated, and a paper promised under the head of "Ship Building." The blographi-cal sketches have been revised, but the same lack of close attention to minor names noted in the earlier volumes is still apparent.

"The Land of the Sphint" (Dodd, Mead & Co.) is readable book and it is full of illustrations from sketches made by the author. The pictures, even when they bring up scenes which others have familiar, usually possess the charm of a new point of view. But it would be a mistake to expect much from the book, if one were really on the lookout for

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